

order, and taking out of our ship [*the Pascha*] all such necessaries as we needed for our frigate, had left and given her to the Spaniards, whom we had all this time detained, we put out of that harbour [*at Port Diego, p. 527*], together with the French ship, riding some few days among the Cabegas,

In the meantime, our Captain made a secret composition with the Cimaroons, that twelve of our men and sixteen of theirs, should make another voyage, to get intelligence in what case the country stood ; and if it might be, recover Monsieur TET\$, the French Captain; at leastwise to bring away that which was hidden in our former surprise, and could not then be conveniently carried.

JOHN OXNAM and THOMAS SHERWELL were put in trust for his service, to the great content of the whole company, who conceived greatest hope of them next our Captain ; whom by no means they would condescend to suffer to adventure again, this time : yet he himself rowed to set them ashore at Rio Francisco ; finding his labour well employed both otherwise, and also in saving one of those two Frenchmen that had remained willingly to accompany their wounded captain.

For this gentleman, having escaped the rage of the Spaniards, was now coming towards our pinnace, where he fell down on his knees, blessing GOD for the time, " that ever our Captain was born ; ,who now, beyond all his hopes, was become his deliverer."

He being demanded, " What was become of his Captain and other fellow ? " shewed that within half an hour after our departure, the Spaniards had overgotten them, and took his Captain and other fellow : he only escaped by flight, having cast away all his carriage, and among the rest one box of jewels, that he might fly the swifter from the pursuers : but his fellow took it up and burdened himself so sore, that he could make no speed ; as easily as he might otherwise, if he would have cast down his pillage, and laid aside his covetous mind. As for the silver, which we had hidden thereabout in the earth and the sands, he thought that it was all gone : for that he thought there had been near two thousand Spaniards and Negroes there to dig and search for it.

This report notwithstanding, our purpose held, and our men were sent to the said place, where they found that the